

REMARKS

The Abstract has been deleted and a new paragraph has been added. The new paragraph is in compliance with the word limit of 150 words.

Claims 1-80, 82-86, and 89-141 are currently pending in this application, and are not amended by this paper.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 80, 82-86, and 89-107 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of.

A terminal disclaimer with the appropriate fee, disclaiming the subject matter of the present claims beyond the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,762 is attached hereto. It is respectfully submitted that this Terminal Disclaimer obviates the outstanding double patenting rejection.

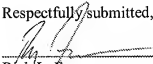
In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims as all rejections have been overcome. Early notice of allowability is kindly requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at 763.505.0405 or by E-mail at rick.l.franzen@medtronic.comm with any questions or comments.

Please grant any extension of time, if necessary for entry of this paper, and charge any fee due for such extension or any other fee required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

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